

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the text of the Abstract as follows:

[[The]] A device ~~of the invention~~ for filtering fluids conveyed at high pressure ~~is easy to service and withstands very high pressures whilst having an appreciably larger filter area than conventional high-pressure filters.~~ For this purpose it is provided with an inlet opening-(21), an outlet opening-(24) and a metal housing-(2) that encloses a filter chamber-(23) and has a service opening-(3,4) which is closed by a metal lid-(14,15), ~~likewise of metal,~~ which is seated by a contact force on a rim portion-(5,6) surrounding the service opening-(3,4) in direct contact with the metal ~~of the housing~~-(2), ~~wherein the~~ A rim surface-(7,8) of the rim portion-(5,6) that is associated with the lid -(14,15) slopes between ~~its~~ an inner boundary edge-(10) associated with the service opening-(3,4) and ~~its~~ an outer boundary edge-(12) such that the rim surface-(7,8) forms an angle-(13) deviating from 90° with the adjacent inside surface-(9) and outside surfaces-(11) of the rim portion-(5,6) and the A contact surface between the lid -(14,15) and the rim portion-(5,6) is limited to a fraction of the rim surface-(7,8), and a filter element ~~wherein there is arranged inside the filter chamber-(23) a filter element (26) through which a fluid flows on its way from the inlet opening (21) to the outlet opening (24).~~

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